

# **CITY OF LEWISTON**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 21, 1997**

## **REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.**

THE HONORABLE JOHN T. JENKINS, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, and City Clerk Gerald P. Berube.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

### **VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 7, 1997, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 6-0

A presentation was made on the Lewiston Aspirations Summit by Sue Martin, Farwell School Principal, Brad Kauffman, representing L.L. Bean, and Chip Morrison, President of the Chamber of Commerce. A number of others who are involved in the Aspiration Summit were also present in the audience.

The Aspirations Summit is a partnership between the School Department and L.L. Bean and is scheduled for the week of February 3rd in Lewiston.

The Summit, which is receiving overwhelming support, has been designed to raise the aspirations of local students.

Following the presentation, and a question and answer period, the Mayor read a proclamation designating the week of February 3rd "Lewiston Aspirations Summit Week".

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOAN ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,150,000**

The City Clerk advised the Council that the loan order in the amount of \$750,000 which was continued at the last regular meeting should be disposed of in order to introduce a new loan order and the following action was taken.

**VOTE (2)**

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To postpone indefinitely the loan order in the amount of \$750,000 for the Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Corporation - Peoples Heritage Bank Project. Passed - Vote 6-0

A motion was made at this time by Councilor Albert for adoption of a loan in the amount of \$1,150,000 for the Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Project.

It was explained that in order to meet the appropriation, \$1,000,000 would be raised by a bond issue and \$150,000 would be transferred from the bond surplus account.

Mr. Mulready, City Administrator, made a brief presentation on the effects of a \$1,000,000 bond issue for improvements at the Bates Mill in relationship to the following issues;

Improvements needed to consummate the People Heritage Lease. Funding for additional improvements for parking for new tenants.

Funding for one or two tenants that are prospects, and improvements are necessary before the space can be occupied. (Money will not be spent unless leases are consummated.)

The importance of the People Heritage Bank Project and its economic impact on the community was discussed, and a question and answer period followed.

**VOTE (3)**

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the following Order has passage:

ORDERED, That \$1,150,000 be appropriated for financing the improvements associated with the development of the Bates Mill Complex;

FURTHER ORDERED, That to meet the appropriation, \$1,000,000 shall be raised by a Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Bond Issue and \$150,000 shall be transferred from the bond surplus account;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council instruct the Mayor and Finance Director to advertise for bids for \$1,000,000 Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Bonds; to award the loan; and to employ Palmer & Dodge to furnish the legal opinion for the same; provided that in the alternative, the Mayor and Finance Director are authorized to award the loan to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the bonds shall be signed by the City Treasurer and Mayor;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place of places of payment, form or other details of the bonds and of the provisions for the sale thereof shall be determined by the Mayor and Finance Director;

FURTHER ORDERED; That bonds issued hereunder may be subject to call for redemption on such terms as may be determined by the Mayor and Finance Director.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (4)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the request from the Festival de Joie Committee for assistance for the festival to be held July 31, August 1, 2 & 3, at the Central Maine Civic Center, with opening ceremonies in Heritage Park. Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (5)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson: That peddlers and/or vendors be prohibited from the area in front of the spectators along the parade route, immediately prior to and during the Maine State Parade on Saturday, May 3, 1997. Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (6)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept the recommendation of the Police Chief, and to prohibit parking on the following streets, between the hours of 6:00 P.M. on Friday, May 2, 1997, and 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 3, 1997, and to authorize the Police Department to have violators towed from the area if necessary.

Main St.:	Lisbon St. to Frye St., both sides
Frye St.:	Main St. to College St., both sides
College St.:	Union St. to Mountain Ave., east side
Campus Ave.:	College St. to Central Ave., both sides
Vale St.:	College St. to Central Ave., both sides
Wood St.:	Sabattus St. to Campus Ave., both sides
Nichols St.:	Sabattus St. to Campus Ave., both sides
Bardwell St.:	Nichols St. to Campus Ave., both sides
Franklin St.:	Sabattus St. to Campus Ave., both sides
Riverside Dr.:	Entire length, both sides
Central Ave.:	Campus Ave. to Russell St., west side

Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (7)**

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To table the proposed amendment to the Travel Policy authorizing the City Administrator to approve and disapprove any and all traveling request.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (8)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

ORDERED, That upon recommendation of the Finance Director and City Administrator, this City Council hereby authorizes a transfer of funds to the Mayor's budget as follows:

FROM:

49710-4011000	Reserve for Salaries	\$5,800.00
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TO:

41210-4012500	Mayor's Temporary Wages	\$5,800.00
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FROM:

41440-4012500	Elections Temporary Wages	\$ 400.00
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TO:

41210-4023000	Mayor's Travel Expense	\$ 400.00
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Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (9)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for Dancing and Entertainment to American Legion Post #22, 188 Bates Street.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (10)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept the recommendation of the Police Department and to amend the Traffic Schedule as follows:

SECTION 38 - STOP SIGN

Willow Circle

1 sign at Bartlett Street

Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (11)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the Community Development Division to apply for a Lead Base Paint Hazard Control in Housing Grant.  
Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (12)**

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept the recommendation of the Land Committee and to authorize the purchase of properties at 124 Lincoln and 29 Chestnut Streets. Passed - Vote 6-0

**VOTE (13)**

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To accept the recommendation of the Land Committee and to authorize the sale of property at 4 Martin Drive provided the purchase pays all costs associated with the sale.  
Passed - Vote 5-0 Councilor Lynch abstained from voting do to a possible conflict of interest.

The Mayor and members of the City Council indicated they had two individuals who indicated an interest in completing the unexpired term of Ward 3 Councilor James Begert. Both individuals were excellent candidates, however, only one could be appointed to the vacancy and the following action was taken.

**VOTE (14)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That in accordance with Article II, Section 2.06. (c), this City Council hereby appoints Pauline D. Gray, 35 Shawmut Street, as Ward 3 City Council Councilor to complete the unexpired term of James M. Begert. Passed - Vote 6-0

Mrs. Gray was in the audience and was given the oath of office by the City Clerk.

**VOTE (15)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

That Councilor Paul Samson be appointed to the L-A Transit Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilor Joyce Bilodeau. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (16)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That Councilor Pauline D. Gray be appointed to serve on the Androscoggin Valley Council of Government General Assembly to replace former Councilor James Begert.  
Passed - Vote 7-0

Council President, Frank Kelly, appointed Councilor Gray to serve on the Land and Street Committees.

**VOTE (17)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To approve the lease with the Lewiston Housing Authority for a skating rink at the Hillview Housing Complex and to authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Lewiston. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (18)**

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 9:25 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

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Gerald P. Berube, CMC  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine